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FOR AMBASSADOR LEWIS FROM AMBASSADOR ATHERTON

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: OVIP (ATHERTON, ALFRED L., JR.)

SUBJECT: TRAVEL OF ATHERTON PARTY

1. I HAVE JUST BEEN INFORMED BY HAL SAUNDERS THAT THE SECRETARY WANTS ME BACK IN WASHINGTON BY MONDAY. MY ORIGINAL TRAVEL PLANS, WHICH WOULD HAVE MADE THIS POSSIBLE, HAVE HAD TO BE CANCELLED BECAUSE OF DELAY IN MY MEETING WITH KING HUSSEIN UNTIL SATURDAY AFTERNOON. OUR RESEARCH OF COMMERCIAL CONNECTIONS FROM AMMAN TO WASHINGTON ON SUNDAY INDICATE THAT IT IS A VIRTUAL IMPOSSIBILITY TO GET BACK ON SUNDAY FROM HERE.

2. THE BEST ALTERNATIVE WE SEE WOULD BE TO TAKE TWA FLIGHT FROM TEL AVIV TO U.S. ON SUNDAY MORNING. THIS WOULD REQUIRE OUR CROSSING THE BRIDGE LATE SATURDAY AFTERNOON OR EVENING. WOULD YOU PLEASE APPROACH GOI URGENTLY AND ASK THAT, AS A SPECIAL EXCEPTION, THIS BE ARRANGED IN ORDER FOR ME TO GET TO WASHINGTON FOR IMPORTANT MEETING WITH THE SECRETARY MONDAY. THIS WILL ALSO REQUIRE SECURING FOUR ECONOMY CLASS SEATS ON SUNDAY TWA FLIGHT (FIRST CLASS IS ONLY AUTHORIZED FOR ME AND THE SY AGENT, AND I PREFER
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TO TRAVEL WITH MY PARTY). WOULD YOU THEREFORE ALSO PLEASE GO TO WORK ON TWA TO OBTAIN NECESSARY ACCOMMODATIONS FOR TWO ATHERTONS, DAVID KORN, AND SY AGENT EDWARD NAPOLIELLO.

3. FOR DEPARTMENT: WOULD APPRECIATE ANY HELP DEPARTMENT CAN GIVE WITH TWA AT THAT END IN THE EVENT THAT SUNDAY TWA FLIGHT IS FULLY BOOKED.

4. THE FOLLOWING OPTION WOULD GET ME TO WASHINGTON
SUNDAY EVENING BUT WOULD ALSO REQUIRE DEPT AUTHORIZATION
TO USE A NON-U.S. FLAG CARRIER FOR TRANS-ATLANTIC TRAVEL:

-- SUNDAY, AUGUST 13

- DPT AMMAN ON AZ 757 AT 0900
- ARR ROME AT 1200

- DPT ROME ON AZ 642 AT 1530
- ARR JFK NY AT 1830
- DPT JFK NY ON NA 491 AT 2015

- ARR NATIONAL, WASHINGTON, D.C. AT 2110

ALITALIA CAN CONFIRM FOUR FIRST CLASS RESERVATIONS TO ROME
(NO ECONOMY CLASS AVAILABLE). WE ARE WAIT-LISTED FOR
FOUR ECONOMY CLASS SEATS FROM ROME TO NEW YORK. NO RPT NO
SEATS AVAILABLE IN EITHER FIRST OR ECONOMY CLASS ON THIS
FLIGHT AT THIS POINT.

5. THE FOLLOWING OPTION DOES NOT GET ME TO WASHINGTON
UNTIL MONDAY AFTERNOON, BUT IS THE ONLY CONNECTION THROUGH
EUROPE GIVEN THAT ATHENS IS AMMAN'S INTERCHANGE POINT TO
THE U.S. FOR U.S. CARRIERS.

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-- SUNDAY, AUGUST 13

- AMMAN-ATHENS ON ALIA

- MONDAY, AUGUST 14
- ATHENS-DULLES ON TWA 847 VIA ROME AND BOSTON, ARRIVING
DULLES AT 1740.

WE ARE TOLD THAT BOTH OF THESE FLIGHTS ARE BOOKED. WE ARE
REQUESTING FOUR ECONOMY CLASS RESERVATIONS OR TWO FIRST
CLASS AND TWO ECONOMY CLASS RESERVATIONS. SUDDARTH

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